

the Contras were in turn established and supported by the Central Intelligence Agency, there is considerable question as to whether the CIA knew about this trafficking operations, or even supported it.

This is a very troubling allegation. The possibility that our own Government supported, implicitly or explicitly, the sale of crack cocaine in the United States is deeply, deeply disturbing.

I have written to CIA Director John Deutch urging a full investigation of this matter. But Congress, which is responsible for the oversight of our Government, must also investigate this matter independently.

I thank the members of the Select Intelligence Committee, including Chairman LARRY COMBEST and Congressman NORM DICKS, for their attention to this matter and the pursuit of an investigation in a full and expeditious manner.

As long as the questions raised by the Mercury News story remain, we must examine the role of the CIA in drug trafficking in the United States. We cannot rest until this manner is fully and fairly investigated.

NATIONAL DYSTONIA AWARENESS WEEK SEPTEMBER 28 TO OCTOBER 5

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform my colleagues about National Dystonia Awareness Week, September 28 to October 5, 1996.

I was privileged, Mr. Speaker, to attend a chili supper in June given by a group of residents of the Second District who deal with dystonia everyday. These residents regularly meet and discuss the challenges they meet everyday.

Dystonia is a relatively rare neurological disorder characterized by severe muscle contractions and sustained postures that afflicts an estimated 300,000 people in North America. Dystonia is a complex disorder that consist of three types and is often times misunderstood and misdiagnosed.

The three types of dystonia are primary, focal dystonias, and secondary dystonia.

Primary dystonia or idiopathic torsion dystonia [ITD], causes spasms that affect many different parts of the body and often starts in childhood.

Focal dystonias affects one specific part of the body and is distinguished for five varieties. Blepharospasm causes eyelids to close tightly for seconds to hours. Cervical dystonia is the contraction on neck muscles turning the head to one side or pulling it forward or backward. Oromandibular dystonia—Meige's Syndrome—is a combination of blepharospasm and oromandibular dystonia in which the muscles of the lower face pull or contract irregularly to cause facial distortions. Spasmodic dysphonia affects the speech muscles of the throat, causing strained, forced, or breathy speech. Writer's cramp is characterized by muscles in the hand and forearm contracting.

The last type of dystonia, secondary dystonia, is caused by an injury or other brain illness.

Unfortunately, there is no known cause or cure for dystonia.

Researchers, however, have made promising advancements in understanding this disorder. In 1989, Drs. Xandra Breakefield and James Gusella made the discovery of a genetic marker that will significantly advance future research. In addition, hundreds of dystonia patients and their families have made the commitment to donate their brains to further dystonia research.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank you for allowing me this opportunity to familiarize my colleagues with dystonia and encourage each of my colleagues to learn more about this neurological disorder.

More information about dystonia can be found on the world wide web. The Dystonia Medical Research Foundation's home page not only offers information about dystonia, but also details meeting places and dates for those who are or have a family member affected by dystonia and can be reached at <http://www.iii.net/biz/dystonia/>. You can also learn more by visiting an internet newsgroup dedicated to dystonia at "alt.support.dystonia."

HONORING THE COMMUNITY OF HIGHLANDS, TX

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the community of Highlands, TX, in my district, which on October 4–5 will celebrate the 40th annual Highlands Jamboree.

The Highlands Jamboree began in 1956 to celebrate the grand opening of Highlands State Bank. Because of the success of the initial celebration, the citizens of Highlands decided to have an annual jamboree to display the community's strong unity. As they have in the past, many of Highlands' citizens will participate in this year's event.

The festivities will begin on Friday night with the first ever cookoff. Residents will judge the best tasting fajitas and margaritas. On Saturday, I will have the honor of serving as the grand marshal of the parade. Many of Highlands' citizens, young and old, will march in this parade, which will be followed by an arts and crafts show and a motorcycle and car show.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the efforts of the people of Highlands for their constant dedication to improving their community and congratulate them for the effort they have put forth to continue the Highlands Jamboree. This celebration represents the unity of the people of Highlands and their loyalty to and love for their hometown and country.

A TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE BILL CLINGER FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished Member of this

body for the past 18 years, the Honorable BILL CLINGER who has represented the people of Pennsylvania's Fifth District with class and dignity.

It has been my honor to serve with BILL since we entered Congress together in 1978. He is a man of integrity and principle.

His legislative accomplishments over his career are impressive, but his accomplishments just in the past 2 years are nothing short of remarkable. As chairman of the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, BILL's leadership and determination pushed through bills ending Federal unfunded mandates and enacting the line-item veto. BILL's accomplishments did not stop with these pieces of legislation though. He also successfully passed bills involving paperwork reform and regulatory reform, among others.

For his work, the Almanac of American Politics said, "his legislative production in just his first few months as chairman was as impressive as that of many members over a whole career."

Mr. Speaker, the House is losing a tremendous legislative leader, gentleman, and patriot.

On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin's Ninth District, I thank the Honorable BILL CLINGER for his outstanding service to the House of Representatives and the United States.

THE AMERICA-ISRAEL FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE, INC.

HON. JIM KOLBE

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Mr. KOLBE. Mr. Speaker, I recently attended the annual Partners for Democracy Dinner in my hometown of Tucson, AZ. The dinner was hosted by the Tucson chapter of the America-Israel Friendship League in honor of David L. McPherson.

The America-Israel Friendship League, Inc. [AIFL] is a nonsectarian, nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization committed to maintaining and strengthening the mutually supportive relationship between the people of the United States and Israel. It was founded in 1971 by a group of distinguished Americans with a vision to preserve America's best interests in the Middle East. They saw the need to instill in Americans an appreciation for the fact that Israel is the only democratic nation in the Middle East and America's most reliable ally in that area of the world. They knew that the friendship between these two countries could be deepened through the understanding generated by people-to-people educational and cultural programming.

The AIFL serves as the catalyst to bring people together from diverse backgrounds. The AIFL's activities reach out to Americans of all faiths, ethnic backgrounds, age groups, and political persuasions. Through missions, seminars, lectures, exchanges, and much more, AIFL helps participants explore and discuss the issues and concerns surrounding the relationship between the United States and Israel. Program participants become involved long after their individual program has ended. In essence, they become ambassadors who carry the message of friendship and goodwill from one generation to the next. From their